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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Last May you requested information on cultures numbered T-718, T-797 and T-1430.

T-718, Mary Russell, age 38, had vesico-vaginal fistula following forceps delivery 2½ years previously. Three attempts at closure were unsuccessful. There were recurrent episodes of cystitis and pyelitis which received antibiotics or chemotherapy. Therapy data on chart showed penicillin and streptomycin in August 1949, gantrisin in February 1951 and zephiran irrigations of the bladder. The E. coli was isolated from right kidney urine on 3-24-51. T-797, Barbara Lambrecht, 6½ months, had erythroblastosis fetalis, recurrent cholangitis and choledochal cyst revealed at surgery. Culture of common duct showed many E. coli and S. fecalis. Penicillin and streptomycin administered prophylactically. T-1430, James Leroy, had carcinoma as primary cause of death. E. coli was isolated from lung post-mortem.

Your note in Science last week about the E. coli recombitants was of interest to all of us who have been collecting the cultures for you.

Mr. Benham has been enthusiastic about Madison and the kind consideration he received at the University since his return to Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

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